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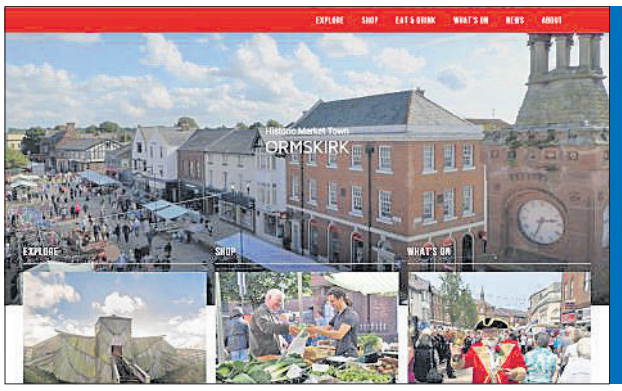

New website launched to promote borough

Project digging into the past at historic site

Officials of Ormskirk Community Partnership pictured at the gingerbread man unveiling with the mayor and mayoress, Cllr. Neil and Mrs Julie Furey and Court Lee manager Lisa Newton (left.

New gingerbread man unveiled

A NEW, full-scale gingerbread man, celebrating Ormskirk's heritage has been unveiled.

The Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Neil Furey performed the official unveiling ceremony of the model at the Court Leet pub in Wheatsheaf Walk in the town centre on behalf of the Ormskirk Community Partnership.

The partnership was awarded £10,000 from the Big Lottery Fund to bring schools and the community together through the Ormskirk Gingerbread Project, which was formed in 2014.

The group also organises projects for children in local primary schools and sponsored community events including the Ormskirk Gingerbread Festival which is coming to town on Saturday, July 29 (more details inside).

MAYORAL ROLE UNDER THREAT!

Report by **Henry James**

Civic car could be scrapped and number of functions slashed as council looks to make £310,000 savings

THE role of the mayor could be massively reduced and the civic car scrapped under proposals drawn up by West Lancashire Borough Council chiefs as they look to make savings, efficiencies and increases in income totalling £310,000.

Residents, local community groups, organisations and businesses in the borough are being invited to submit their views on the proposals in a consultation running until Sunday, September 3.

At present the council maintains a civic car in which the mayor is driven by an attendant to engagements and official functions. The current vehicle is a 12-year-old Audi A8.

The consultation asks for views on the proposal to end provision of the civic car and the attendant. This would mean the mayor driving him or herself to functions and claiming mileage allowance or making other arrangements such as hiring a taxi.

For some higher profile special events, a vehicle may be hired.

The council say this would save approximately £31,000 per year but attendance by the mayor at some functions might not be possible under the revised arrangements.

There are also proposals to look at a range of options to reduce the role of the mayor with a projected saving of up to £32,000.

Current Mayor of West Lancashire, Councillor Neil Furey - under the proposals the civic role could be greatly reduced

This could involve:

- Scrapping the mayor's charity committee and associated fundraising activities and/or ceasing visits to local community and voluntary organisations, care homes, schools, businesses etc.
- Scrapping the hosting of events to promote civic pride, such as honouring individuals or groups to recognise excellence or contribution to the community and engaging with schools and visitors to the area.
- The mayor just chairing council meetings only and ceasing all other functions, including attendance at ceremonial events such as Remembrance Sunday and Armed Forces commemoration.

This would lead to a loss of mayoral presence throughout the borough and the wider area.

The other main proposals include:

- Increasing a number of fees and charges each year, in line with inflation. This would include charges for pest control, and some licensing charges, but does not include car park charges.
- Increasing the charge for replacement wheelie bins from £23 to £25 to cover the actual cost of providing the bins.
- A review of the way the council carries out street cleaning and grounds maintenance.
- Increasing bus station departure charges to bus companies from 7.5p to 50p per departure.
- Reviewing the Home Care Link emergency response system, which currently runs at an

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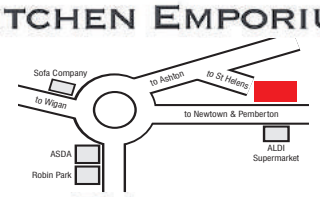

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Website launched to showcase borough

A NEW website has been launched to help local people and visitors find out more about Ormskirk and surrounding areas of West Lancashire.

The site, www.discoverormskirk.com, has a host of interesting and valuable information about our vibrant corner of the world, including places to visit, shop, eat and drink.

It has been set up by the Ormskirk Town Centre Management Group - which is made up of a number of local organisations - after the lack of a comprehensive website to promote Ormskirk was a key challenge identified in the town centre strategy.

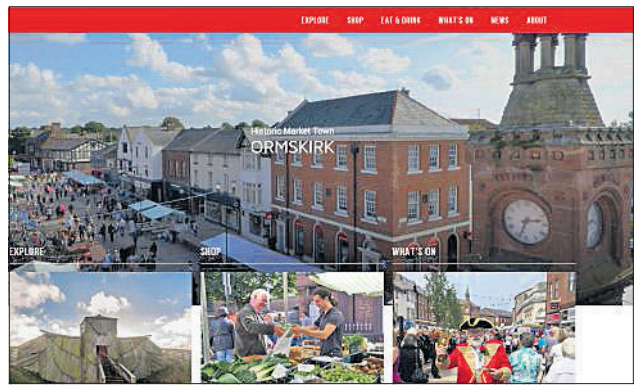
The new site will act as a showcase for the town, promoting shops, bars and restaurants, as well as events and activities taking place in the town centre and places nearby.

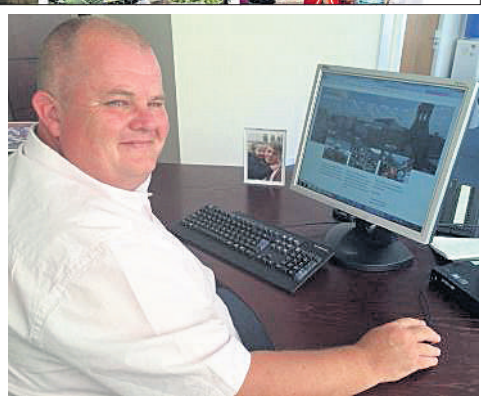
There is information on the popular Ormskirk Market, as well as the large variety of different shops, restaurants and bars in the town.

Pages are also devoted to attractions such as the Chapel Gallery and places in the wider area including Burscough Wharf, National Trust Rufford Old Hall and the Wildfowl and Wetlands Trust Centre at Martin Mere. Visitors can also find out about the borough's huge range of outdoor activities.

West Lancs Council leader and portfolio holder for economic regeneration, Councillor Ian Moran, said: "Attracting more visitors to Ormskirk will help boost the local economy which helps everyone, making an impact on the need to create and maintain jobs and keep the town centre vibrant and exciting.

"Clearly there is a lot of interest in the town as figures from Google show that there are around 18,100 searches a month on Ormskirk, so this new website will provide everything people need to enjoy their visit to the town.





Top: The front page of the new website.

Above: Council leader, Councillor Ian Moran checks out the site

"Local residents will also find the website very interesting in uncovering some hidden gems, so please take a look."

The website was officially launched to the public on Wednesday, July 19 and it will continue to grow, being updated with details about town centre events and more of the town's businesses.

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Brain tumour battler Daniel gets all-clear

Report by **Danielle Thompson**

Family go on TV to share the good news and praise charity that saved youngster's life

THE family of a young boy whose life was saved by a brain tumour charity's symptom campaign have shared their story – and the fantastic news that the six-year-old has just been given the all-clear!

Ormskirk couple Rosalind (Rosie) and Colin Bell recounted their ordeal, which began three years ago, on BBC1's Lifeline programme last Sunday (July 23).

36-year-old Rosie recognised her son Daniel's symptoms from a HeadSmart charity card - warning parents of the symptoms of brain tumours in children and young people - that she kept on the fridge at home.

Daniel was just three years old at the time.

As well as being lethargic for several months, and taking naps in the afternoons, Daniel also complained of frequent headaches every day for a week and started being sick in the mornings.

Rosie and Colin, who also have two other children, eight-year-old Leyla, and Seren, two, took him to their GP who referred him to the accident and emergency ward at Ormskirk Hospital where he was diagnosed immediately and transferred to Alder Hey.

The youngster underwent an operation the same day to drain fluid from his brain and the following day the tumour was removed in a second operation.

Fighting fit... Daniel Bell in action at his school sports day after his all-clear

The charity's appeal has halved the average time children are diagnosed with brain tumours from 13 weeks to just six weeks.

However, adults can still take months or even years to have their brain tumours diagnosed and donations made to the appeal on the show will go towards world-first research aiming to replicate HeadSmart's success in early diagnosis for adults.

Rosie said: "We are so grateful to The Brain Tumour Charity. That tiny HeadSmart card saved our little boy's life.

"If it hadn't been for HeadSmart and the wonderful NHS staff, we wouldn't have been watching him at his sports day at St Michael's Primary School in Aughton last week. His early diagnosis undoubtedly saved his life.

"Daniel has also just been given the all-clear by Alder Hey and has been told he doesn't need scans any more, which is incredible."

The Brain Tumour charity's chief executive Sarah Lindsell added: "Daniel's story proves that HeadSmart saves lives. We're delighted for this lovely family that he's doing so well and are very grateful for their support.

"Now we are funding world-first research to analyse people's brain tumour symptoms. Money raised from our Lifeline appeal will help us gather this crucial information to tackle adults' delays in having their brain tumours diagnosed – saving lives and preventing long-term disabilities."

Borough mayor's role under threat

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deficit of around £70,000, to ensure it at least breaks even in the future.

Councillor Chris Wynn, portfolio holder for finance, said: "The council faces serious financial challenges which mean that each year we must make savings and find ways of increasing income. We appreciate that some of the proposals will impact on local people, organisations and businesses, and so we are keen to seek their views."

The council is seeking views from individuals and organisations and is working with West Lancashire CVS to contact local voluntary and community groups, businesses, and other organisations to invite them to take part.

However, it is stressed that the consultation is open to all. Any organisation can complete the survey and all residents can take part. Paper copies of the surveys can be provided if requested.

The council faces a budget gap in 2018/19 of around £1.9m which they say is due to two main factors - ongoing reductions in government funding and the loss of income from Lancashire County Council due to the ending of the Waste Partnership agreement in 2018.

Efficiency measures totalling around £445,000 that will not impact on residents have also been identified to help meet the budget gap.

Further consideration will then be given to how the remaining budget gap should be addressed over the period up to the February 2018 council meeting where next year's budget will be finalised.

Comments can be given through the website www.westlancs/gov.uk/yourviews. They can also be submitted by letter and email.

The closing date is September 3 and the council will consider the results in October.

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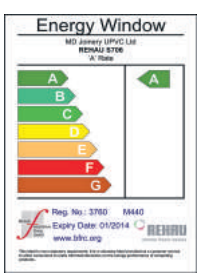

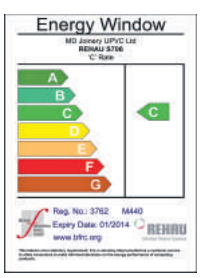

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Archaeological project at historic Lathom site

Report by **Henry James**

A GROUP of military veterans, including some injured in Afghanistan and the Falklands, are taking part in an archaeological project at Lathom to help with their recovery.

The aim of Project Valhalla is to excavate part of the medieval palace fortress site at Lathom, home of Sir Thomas Stanley, 1st Earl of Derby and his wife Lady Margaret Beaufort, mother of Henry VII.

Stanley is immortalised as one of the heroes in Shakespeare's *Richard III* as 'The King Slayer', as well as crowning Henry Tudor king at the battle of Bosworth in 1485.

In addition to its Tudor links, Lathom was also the site of one of the largest and longest sieges of the English Civil War and the only battle that was commanded by a woman, Lady Charlotte Stanley, Countess of Derby.

Lathom is listed in the Domesday Book and the original buildings and defences at this time may well have been wooden. A new castle was built in the 13th century of which no details survive and was probably replaced by the structure currently being excavated.

This new structure, known as Lathom House and built in 1496, was possibly one of the largest castles in England. It had nine towers and was surrounded by a wall two yards thick and a moat eight yards wide. However, nothing survives of this massive structure as a result of the English Civil War sieges of 1644-45.

After the Battle of Marston Moor in July, 1644, the north of England was largely under Parliamentary control apart from areas close to Royalist garrisons such as Lathom. But in July, 1645 4,000 Parliamentary troops returned to begin the second siege. And although the garrison did not capitulate quickly, when it became clear that no relief could be expected, and supplies were running short, they were forced to surrender in December.

The Parliamentarians party saw the fall of Lathom as an event of major importance and to prevent its reuse the fortifications were totally demolished.

Veterans at work on the site

The Lathom Castle Project team will be assisted on site by military veterans from the Forces Archaeological Heritage Association (FAHA) which gives veterans the opportunity to rebuild self-esteem and learn skills that will help in securing employment and helping build community cohesion.

Excavation will start on Saturday, July 29 and run until August 13 involving more than 20 local volunteers and veterans.

Head of the project, Paul Sherman, said: "Lathom Castle is one of the most significant post-medieval archaeological sites in the north of England.

"This project is a unique opportunity to cast new light on some of the key people and events that shaped our history and culture."

Healthcare worker lied about family members' deaths to claim sick pay

A HEALTH care worker lied about the deaths of three family members to falsely claim almost a year's paid absence from work between 2012 and 2015.

Over a period of three years Joseph Wilson first told his employer, Southport and Ormskirk NHS Hospital Trust, a brother had died, followed later by his cousin and then his sister.

Wilson, 41, of Fazakerley, Liverpool, pleaded guilty to three offences of fraud by false representation at South Sefton Magistrates Court.

The health care assistant was sentenced to 12 weeks in prison suspended for 18 months, 240 hours of unpaid community work and ordered to pay more than £5,000 compensation to the trust.

The court heard that Wilson, a man of previous good character, was dismissed from his job in December 2015 on grounds of gross misconduct after discovery of the most recent deceit involving his sister.

However, inquiries by the trust's anti-fraud specialists also identified the previous absences relating to other supposed family bereavements. Following further investigation and an interview under caution, Wilson finally admitted that he had lied about all three deaths.

After the court hearing, investigating anti-fraud specialist, Paul Bell, said: "The relatively robust sentencing, despite Wilson's previous good behaviour, reflects the fact that he had committed serial offences over a number of years. He also hadn't come clean about the deceptions when he had an opportunity to do so during his interview with investigators.

"Abuse of sickness absence is one of the main types of fraud in the NHS and this sentence demonstrates that this kind of abuse of public funds will not be tolerated."

Steve Shanahan, director of finance for the trust, said: "The trust takes deceptions like Wilson's very seriously. Every allegation of fraud brought to our attention is thoroughly investigated. We won't hesitate to press for a prosecution to be brought where we believe the trust, and in turn the taxpayer, has suffered a financial loss."

Plans for ultra efficient car-park cameras abandoned after outcry

MEMBERS of the independent Our West Lancashire (OWL) group say controversial plans to install enforcement cameras on Ormskirk's council car parks have been dropped after a public outcry.

Responding to a question from OWL Derby ward representative Councillor, Adrian Owens, the council's portfolio holder for planning Councillor John Hodson confirmed that negotiations with Bemrose Mobile have ended and that the planned cameras will not now be installed.

In April, OWL presented a petition to the council signed by more than 300 residents calling for the scheme to be dropped. The scheme had first been approved by the Labour cabinet in a confidential agenda item in January with no opposition from the Conservatives.

Cllr. Owens commented: "This has been a sorry episode and the council now need to stop pursuing high-tech enforcement solutions and instead work on a car parking policy that makes it easy and stress-free for visitors to find a parking space; to pay; and to top-up if they wish to stay longer. That policy also needs to make some attractive parking promotions and concessions. The days of making a near £400,000 in surplus from motorists parking in Ormskirk are over."

Fellow OWL Councillor Ian Davis added: "This was clearly an unpopular and ill-conceived idea from the very start. Our town centres need all the help they can get to succeed with the changes to modern shopping habits. To imagine that these cameras, which would have linked to the wardens' hand-held devices to improve enforcement, would not deter much-needed visitors defied logic. It was clearly an attempt to raise more money from motorists."

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Leaders of the school are inviting the community to share in the excitement of A-level results day by partnering with Wish FM (102.4FM). On Thursday August 17, the day the results are released, the radio station will be broadcasting a series of short news items relaying the reactions and sharing in the success stories of the school's students on the day.

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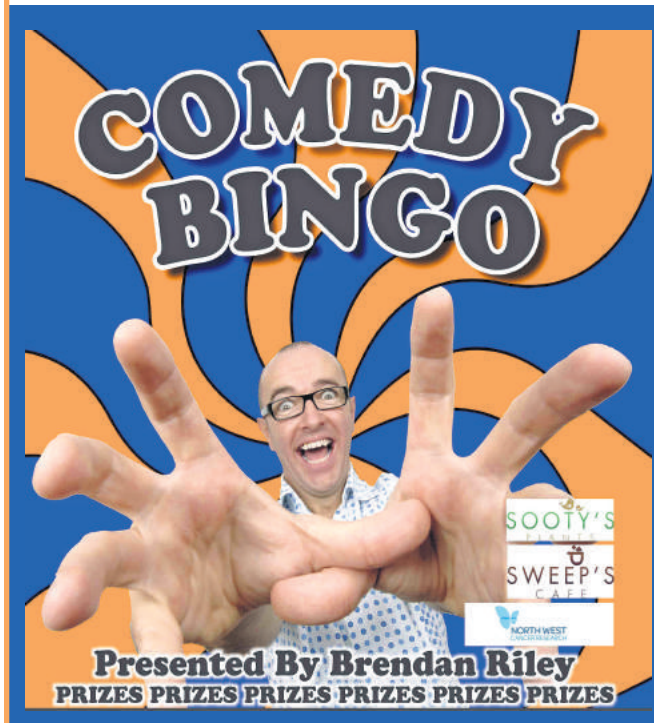

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A NEW speed camera scheme installed on the Tarleton bypass is set to be turned on in just a few weeks' time.

The 'average speed cameras' which have been installed with the aim of improving safety on the bypass, are set to become operational on Tuesday, August 8.

The cameras cover a 3.7mile stretch of Southport New Road (A565) between Mere Brow and Tarleton. In January it was announced by the Lancashire Road Safety Partnership that eight routes across the county had been fitted with the cameras in a bid to cut down on the number of road casualties.

The stretch of the A565 Southport New Road that the cameras will target is between the B5246 at Mere Brow and the Gravel Lane roundabout at Banks.

The scheme follows a review of casualty data and feedback from local residents which has resulted in an extension of the route from Mere Brow through Holmes to the Tarleton crossroads, covering 3.7 miles.

The cameras will use number plate recognition technology to detect vehicles and calculate their average speed by measuring the time taken to travel between fixed points of a known distance apart.

Signage will be used to inform drivers that they are entering an average speed control zone.

Lancashire Road Safety Partnership say the introduction of the system is intended to 'positively influence driver behaviour and ensure that motorists comply with the set limits on roads, resulting in a safer environment for all road users.'

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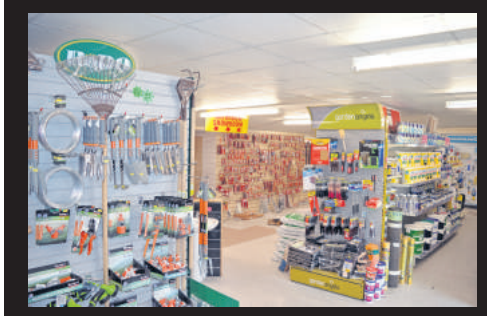

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Hospital trust meeting brought forward

THE Southport and Ormskirk Hospital NHS Trust will hold its next board meeting on Thursday, July 27 starting at 9am - a week earlier than previously advertised.

Venue for the meeting is the Innovation Centre at Ormskirk and District General Hospital.

Members of the public are welcome to attend and observe the meeting. Anyone with a special requirement should contact the trust in advance on 01704 704783.

The agenda will be available on the trust website in advance of the meeting. Supporting papers will be made available on the day.

To reach the Innovation Centre from the main entrance, leave the hospital at the automatic doors before the restaurant and head towards the car park behind the restaurant and up a short flight of steps. Go across the car park and the Innovations Centre is the second of two buildings ahead on the right. Directions will be sign-posted from the main hospital building.

Swim star Fran tells Edge Hill graduands discipline and hard work are key to success

DISCIPLINE and hard work are the only keys to success.

That was the message delivered to Edge Hill University sport graduands by Olympic swimmer Francesca (Fran) Halsall at their graduation ceremony.

Fran, who was made an Honorary Doctor of Science at the ceremony, said it's never too early to start working towards a goal.

She said: "Daily discipline and hard work are the only keys to success. I've heard the words 'on your marks' followed by an electronic beep hundreds and hundreds of times and this procedure is an amazing anecdote to procrastination. You have no reason to think, just act – do it now."

Fran Halsall at Edge Hill

The 27-year-old Southport-born star retired earlier this year from a career that saw her represent Great Britain in the Beijing, London and Rio Olympics and compete in many other international competitions, breaking records and bringing home 14 gold, 14 silver and nine bronze medals from world, European and Commonwealth championships.

Now a businesswoman, having opened a new coffee shop in Altrincham in a shared venture with fellow Olympians, Jess Varnish and Liam Phillips, she encouraged those entering careers in elite sport to show emotion, rather than repress it.

"It's okay to show emotion, just not to your competitors. I've bawled my eyes out on national television which wasn't my finest moment but learning to vent to the right people at the right time made me stronger and bottling things up is never a good option."

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Wife's tragic death inspired Mark's defib mission

Report by **Tom Martin**

AN EDGE Hill staff member whose wife died suddenly two months ago at the age of 35 after suffering a cardiac arrest has raised £7,000 to buy new defibrillators for community use.

Mark Wilcock, 37, a learning technologist at the Ormskirk university, was walking in Crosby with wife Katherine - who also worked at Edge Hill - and their nine-month old daughter Margot, when Katherine began to feel unwell.

They went into a nearby Endbutt pub so Mark could get her a glass of water but by the time he returned to their table Katherine had suffered a heart attack and had passed away by the time an ambulance arrived.

It was later found that Katherine had suffered from Sudden Arrhythmic Death Syndrome (SADS), which is often only diagnosed after a person dies because it is so hard to detect.

Since her death, Mark has been inspired to raise money in order to place two defibrillators in Waterloo, near to the couple's home, and two more in Maghull, where Katherine grew up. These will be available for public use in case of an emergency.

He has raised around £7,000, which is enough to pay for four of the potential life-saving pieces of medical equipment.

Mark told the Champion: "We want the defibs to be available to the public 24/7 so it doesn't matter what time of day it is, they can be reached.

"They need to be in the right places, so they can have a power source and be maintained.

"We would check on them every two weeks or so to make sure they haven't been vandalised or anything. If we'd had a defibrillator nearby when Katherine had a cardiac arrest, things may have turned out differently."

Mark with Katherine and baby Margot at his graduation from Edge Hill

Katherine had CPR performed on her for around 27 minutes at the pub but it wasn't enough to save her life.

The couple had been married for two years after they met at Edge Hill. Mark said: "Katherine was really popular not just socially but also professionally so I've had so much support from friends, family and work.

"The plan is to have two defibs in Crosby and two in Maghull because that's where Katherine grew up. This won't be the end of the fundraising and I want to do something every year for the British Heart Foundation."

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Chance to learn about support and advice available at community information day

MEMBERS of the public will have the opportunity to learn more about services provided by the West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership WLCSP) and the voluntary sector at a special event in Skelmersdale on Thursday, August 3.

Organised by the WLCSP, the Community Information Day will be held at the Concourse shopping centre from 10am to 3pm.

The aim of the event is to enhance working relationships between local residents, the voluntary sector and service providers. It also aims to increase community confidence, reduce the fear of crime and provide advice to help improve the health and wellbeing of the community.

Advice and support on a range of issues will be available from a large number of different organisations including Lancashire Police, Lancashire Fire and Rescue Service, The Liberty Centre, West Lancashire CVS, Lancashire County Council Trading Standards and staff from the office of the Lancashire Police and Crime Commissioner.

Dave Tilleray

A number of representatives from West Lancs Council will also be present including the estates management team, financial inclusion team, voids and allocations team and the environmental enforcement team.

Dave Tilleray, chairman of the West Lancashire Community Safety Partnership, said: "This is a great opportunity for people from across West Lancashire to meet staff and volunteers from many different organisations to find out about services that are available for them.

"I hope that many residents will come along on the day to take advantage of this event and if they have questions on local or personal issues concerning them then hopefully they can find someone to help.

"The community safety partnership are grateful to the Concourse management team for hosting this event."

The information day involves a much wider level of engagement and support covering more diverse issues with valued representation from Young Addaction; Health Watch Lancashire; Active West Lancashire; Age UK Lancashire; The Birchwood Centre; Citizens Advice Lancashire West; Discover Drug and Alcohol Services; Groundwork; Macmillan Information & Support Services; Phoenix Futures (Housing Support); the Personal Support Unit; Prince's Trust team; Skelmersdale Veterans Association; Twinkle House; and Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust (Quit Squad and Contraception and Sexual Health Services).

Councillor Kevin Wright, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for health and community safety, said: "The borough and county councils, and local emergency services and voluntary organisations are here to help local people, so come along and find out what they have to offer."

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August 10 is opening date for new Co-op store on former pub site

THE new Co-op food store in Aughton, which has created 13 new jobs, is set to open to the public on Thursday, August 10.

Deputy Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Noel Delaney, will perform the official opening at 10am although the store will be trading from 7am.

Occupying the site of the former Cockbeck Tavern pub on Town Green Lane, the 2,000 sq.ft. store will be open from 7am to 11pm Monday to Saturday and from 8am to 11pm on Sundays.

Co-op bosses say it will offer shoppers a wide selection of fresh and chilled products, plus "an extensive wine range" and have its own in-store bakery.

It will also have a cash machine and a customer car park.

Store manager, Dan Lee, said: "We are looking forward to being at the heart of the Aughton community, providing for all of our customers' convenience needs with our award-winning products and extensive range selection.

"Our team will provide a warm and welcoming atmosphere for our customers and community."

Parish in mourning as popular priest dies after short illness

Report by **Kenny Parker**

PARISHIONERS are mourning a popular West Lancashire clergyman who has died following a short illness.

Simon Glynn, vicar of St John the Baptist Church, Burscough passed away at the Royal Liverpool Hospital on Thursday, July 20.

Reverend Glynn had been in post at the church in Liverpool Road North since June 2016, having previously served for seven years at All Saints, Appleby Bridge, and Christ Church, Parbold where he acquired the nickname The Flying Vicar after arriving to take up the appointment via helicopter!

He also served as chaplain to Bishop Rawstorne Academy, Leyland, and was curate at St John's, Bursough.

Reverend Glynn was admitted to Southport Hospital on Saturday, July 8 before being transferred to the Royal Liverpool where he had surgery on the following Monday. News that he had sadly passed away last Thursday morning was posted on the church's website the same day.

A statement issued by Liverpool Diocese said: "We pray for Simon, his family and the whole community of St John's and Burscough. We echo the call for the family to be allowed to grieve in privacy."

The Bishop of Warrington, the Right Reverend Richard Blackburn, said: "On behalf of Bishop Paul Bayes and myself I want to express our deep sorrow at Simon's untimely death.

"He had returned to Burscough, where he had served his curacy, full of energy and enthusiasm and we grieve his loss. Most especially our thoughts and prayers are with his family and with his parishioners who will be in deep shock."

Reverend Simon Glynn

Reverend Glynn's funeral will take place at 10am on Friday (July 28) at St John the Baptist Church.

Area Dean, Duncan Petty, said: "Congregations and the community in Burscough came together for Sunday worship still coming to terms with the untimely death of Rev. Simon Glynn. Simon was not just a vicar but a long-time friend to many, having returned to Burscough where he served as curate.

"Sunday was an important opportunity for the church to start coming to terms with his death. First and foremost in their prayers were his wife Clare and the family who are dealing with their grief. The church community will come together again for Simon's funeral on Friday which will be a celebration of his life and all he meant to us."

A statement on the church's website reads: "Clare and the family would like the service to be a celebration of Simon's work and ministry. It won't be necessary for you to wear black. Please no flowers. A collection will be made in Simon's memory."

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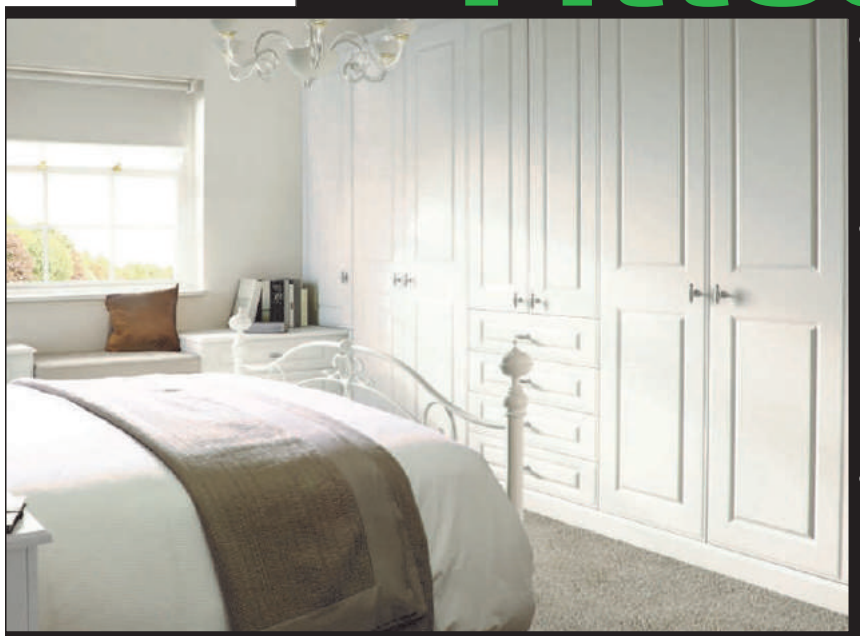

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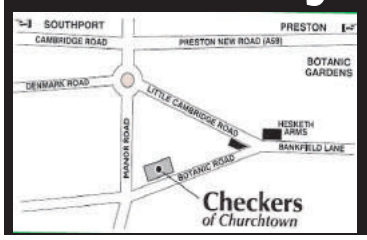

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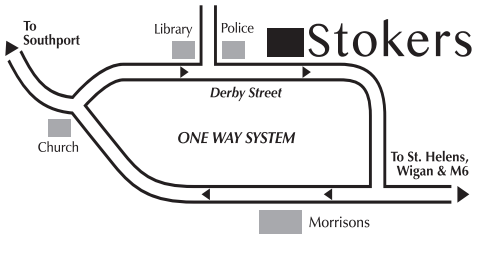

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MP pushes case for bypass and improved roads for borough

ROSIE Cooper has written to Transport Secretary, Chris Grayling to put the case for funding for an Ormskirk and Burscough bypass following the minister's announcement that there will be a consultation about investment in a major road network.

She has also written to both Lancashire County Council and West Lancashire Borough Council encouraging them to bid for funds to improve the road networks in the borough.

Ms Cooper said that previous schemes for the Ormskirk bypass had "fallen off the radar" due to lack of government funding and should now be considered within the new major road network to secure the money needed for investment in an Ormskirk and Burscough bypass.

Rosie Cooper MP

She added that West Lancashire has suffered from a huge increase in traffic movements with congestion mounting and roads struggling to cope, especially with east-west traffic.

The West Lancs MP said: "This is promising news from the Department for Transport and when they go out to consultation later this year about the major road network funding we need to have a scheme and be ready to apply.

"I have written to the leaders of Lancashire County Council and West Lancashire Borough Council to encourage them to get a scheme ready and take part in the consultation.

"I've also asked both leaders and the Transport Minister Chris Grayling to consider a bid to the Transport Investment Strategy for funding an Ormskirk and Burscough Bypass.

"A bypass in West Lancashire has been talked about for decades but I have not given up on it, certainly not in light of this potential to bid for government funding."

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Councillor Yvonne Gagen, West Lancs Council's portfolio holder for leisure, said: "Bikeability is a really fun way to learn new skills on your bike. If you're between five and 12 ask your parents to book you a place."

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Scientist in running for one of sight loss charity's top awards

A SCIENTIST from Ormskirk has been shortlisted for one of the leading sight loss charity's top national awards.

Dr Simon Clark is one of the nominees for this year's Macular Society Awards for Excellence.

Based at the University of Manchester's faculty of biology, medicine and health, Dr Clark has been shortlisted in the Rising Star of the Year category for his ground-breaking research into macular degeneration.

His extensive studies have focused on the links between a person's complement system, part of the immune system, and age-related macular degeneration (AMD).

He has been praised by fellow professionals for helping to develop a greater understanding of how the complement system is regulated, as well as the connection between a patient's genetic predisposition to AMD and the development of the disease.

Dr Simon Clark

Dr Clark said: "It's always nice for your work to be recognised so it was a lovely surprise to have been shortlisted for this award.

"Our understanding of macular degeneration is growing all the time. I'm in a very fortunate position because the studies I'm undertaking have never been done before. It's exciting to think that I'm the first human being to be doing this and to see things that no-one else has."

Now in its ninth year, the Macular Society Awards for Excellence is run by the charity to celebrate the inspirational work done to provide services and care for people with macular disease all over the UK.

The overall winners will be announced at the society's national annual conference in London on September 16.

The Macular Society is the national charity for anyone affected by central vision loss. It has more than 350 support groups across the UK, which help to increase the confidence and independence of people affected by macular disease. Age-related macular degeneration (AMD) is the most common cause of sight loss in the UK, affecting more than 600,000 people.

Cathy Yelf, chief executive of the Macular Society, said: "We've heard great things about the work Dr Clark has been doing and being nominated for this award is a great testament to those efforts."

★ *THE Valencia Morris Dancers from Kirkby entertained residents at Springfield Court Nursing Home, Springfield Road, Aughton and their families at thir summer fair.*

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Pristine Beacon is a shining example and a credit to council staff and volunteers

I WALKED my three dogs today on the Beacon Park half-expecting the Green Fayre impact not to have been cleared up.

It had, due no doubt to the efforts, of the Rangers crew of Dan, Hannah and Benedict and other staff, including volunteers.

The site was pristine and the effort to clean up must have been considerable.

My walking day was Tuesday, July 25, the first day after the fair and staff efforts are worthy of acknowledgement.

Beacon Park is a wonderful venue, so well looked after, and a credit to all front-line staff and council.

There are rumours Beacon Park could be hived off to SERCO which is not worthy of consideration.

Graham P Walker,
Up Holland

Selfish drivers turning pavement into a parking lot

I JUST want to say my piece about something that I, and a lot of other people, have noticed and are so annoyed about.

On the Alma Hill road in Up Holland, outside and opposite both the bowling green and Methodist church, there seems to be a lot of cars parking on the pavement.

This means that pedestrians have to walk in the road just so that these selfish drivers can use the pavement as a parking lot.

This is so unfair and not safe for pedestrians, especially older people or people with children in prams,

Please give a thought to non-car drivers, because one day there someone WILL get hurt.

Here is a picture (right) that I took walking up Alma Hill.

Keith Edwards, by email

PICTURE of the week

Glenn from Mountain Monkeys outdoor adventures group uses his buschcraft skills to ensure marshmallow toasting perfection at the Beacon Country Park Green Fayre. Picture by Martyn Snape.

Hospital receptionist was warm, welcoming and professional too

I VISITED Ormskirk Hospital for an assessment and I would love to praise the young receptionist Michelle, who spoke to me at Bickstaffe House.

She was very welcoming, came and took my details and was exceptional at her job.

She was so good, she went above and beyond on what was such a stressful time of my life.

A receptionist is the first link in a big chain and Michelle was exceptional, like a hotel receptionist. I've never seen a receptionist at a hospital treat people so warmly or professionally as her.

Heart operation patient,
Burscough

People should remember to clear up horse muck too

People, quite rightly, have to clean up after their dogs.

Why do people not clean up after their horses?

Why should people's car wheels and driveways be unclean due to lack of consideration by horse owners.

Rose Langan,
Address supplied

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Local asthma sufferers invited to take part in digital project pilot

I AM writing to let you know that people in your area with asthma are being invited to take part in a pilot scheme for a new digital health project aimed at reducing their risk of having an asthma attack.

Asthma UK's 12-Week Asthma Support Programme, funded by a Department of Health Innovation Challenge Fund grant, provides expert advice, activities and tips sent straight to your smartphone.

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Anyone interested in taking part in the 12-Week Asthma Support Programme pilot can find out more and sign up by going to the website at www.asthma.org.uk/asthma-support-programme.

Michael Clarke,
Asthma UK

War isn't good for anyone's physical or mental health

AFTER the increasing presence of the military in our schools surely the NHS is sacrosanct.

I was shocked to read in your paper that the head of nursing at Southport and Ormskirk hospitals, Kath Higgins, has used her position as a lieutenant colonel in the army reserve to run an event in hospital grounds for SSAFA the Armed Forces charity.

I find it disgraceful that the military should get preferential treatment in the NHS at public expense.

I can understand public goodwill towards the Armed Forces but Armed Forces week is nothing but a smokescreen for falling recruitment and manipulation of young minds.

It engenders a culture which normalises militarism and war as the only way to resolve conflict.

It is open to exploitation by unscrupulous politicians.

It is not about 'defence' but the illegal aggressions against Iraq, Libya and Afghanistan and all the resulting violence, death and misery to the armed forces of all the countries involved and innocent civilians.

As head of nursing, does Kath Higgins not see the whole picture and realise that war is not good for the physical and mental health of anyone?

Bernard Draper,
Merseyside Peace Network

Giant success story!

More than 400 budding wordsmiths enter library group's schools writing competition

MORE than 400 children from nine primary schools took part in the Giant Story Competition organised by the Friends of Tarleton Library.

A total of 416 entries were submitted by youngsters aged between five and 11.

Years 1 and 2 pupils were asked to write a story about a giant in no more than 250 words; Years 3 and 4 had to write a story about a giant, a forest and a castle with no word limit; and Years 5 and 6 had to write a story about a giant, a forest and a castle with a maximum word count of 500.

Trophies and book-tokens were given to the winner and two runners-up in each of the three age categories and the winners also received a giant goody bag.

Certificates were awarded to children whose stories were highly commended and commended by the judges and all entrants receive a certificate of participation.

A team of volunteer judges rated the stories according to five criteria - originality, plot, character, language and overall enjoyment - and a panel made up of members of The Friends of Tarleton Library and the Lancashire Authors' Association made the final decisions.

Prizes were presented by the Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancashire, Councillor Neil and Mrs Julie Furey at a special awards ceremony at Tarleton Bowling Club.

The mayor and mayoress with winners Travis Buck, William Snape and Jessica Goodier.

Vivien Mumford, chair of The Friends of Tarleton Library, said: "We were thrilled to receive so many entries and hope to make the story competition an annual event. The judges have had a very hard job on their hands because so many of the stories were well-written and showed lots of imagination.

"We are hoping to meet some of the young authors over the summer holidays, as there are plenty of exciting activities on offer here at the library."

The winning stories will be published on the Lancashire Authors Association Website, www.lancashireauthorsassociation.co.uk/.

Winners and runners-up were as follows:

Years 1 &2: 1st Travis Buck (Y1, Hesketh with Becconsall All Saints CE Primary); 2nd Jack Marlor (Y1, Hesketh with Becconsall All Saints CE Primary); 3rd Allyssa Ridsdale (Y1, Little Hoole Primary).

Years 3 & 4: 1st Jessica Goodier (Y4, Tarleton Holy Trinity CE Primary); 2nd Isabel Cook (Y3, Tarleton Community Primary); 3rd Bryony Rawlinson (Y4, Tarleton Holy Trinity CE Primary).

Years 5 & 6: 1st William Snape (Y6, Rufford CE Primary); 2nd Aimee Rimmer (Y5, Hesketh with Becconsall All Saints CE Primary); 3rd Kian Colman-Fielden (Y5, Little Hoole Primary).

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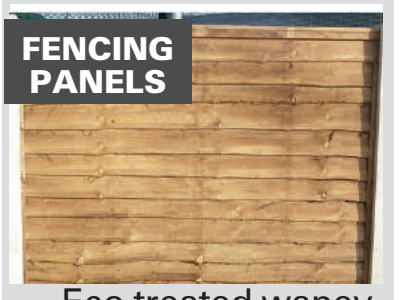

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Grant boost for charity

A WEST Lancashire charity has won funding to help take adults with learning disabilities on a fun, short activities break to the Lake District.

Sporting Challenge was set up in 2008 by a group of parent and carers of adults with learning disabilities concerned about their health and fitness.

The charity provides 'sessional workers' to take the adults on activities including ten pin bowling, aerobics, swimming and boccia at centres across the borough during the evenings and sometimes at weekends.

Officials of the organisation are celebrating after receiving a £750 grant from The Rank Foundation which they say will assist with a planned trip to Keswick in September.

Edward McCarthy, Sporting Challenge activities co-ordinator, said: "The award is fantastic news and will help to finance our planned short break to the Calvert Trust Centre near Keswick for an activities-based weekend. Our group will really enjoy the break and at the same time their families will also be able to have a brief respite from their carer duties."

For more information on Sporting Challenge activities visit www.sporting-challenge.org.uk; call 07971 299606; or email Edward@divinedays.co.uk.

School cooks taste competition success

TWO cooks from schools in West Lancashire have won accolades in the annual Local Authority Caterers Association (LACA) Finishing Touches Catering exhibition.

The competition is aimed at all levels of staff employed in school catering and is organised in association with the Craft Guild of Chefs.

Twelve different categories include a range of skills from cake baking and decorating, to floral sugarcraft and cakes for special diets.

Sharon Webster from Brookfield Park Primary School in Skelmersdale was awarded a merit in the filled and/or covered sponge, gateau or cake category.

And Rachel Castles-Bathie from Aughton Town Green Primary also earned a merit in the section for cakes suitable for a special diet.

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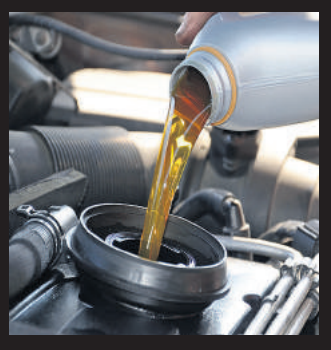

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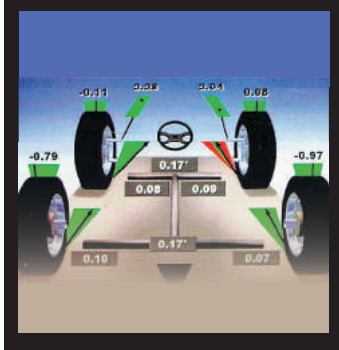

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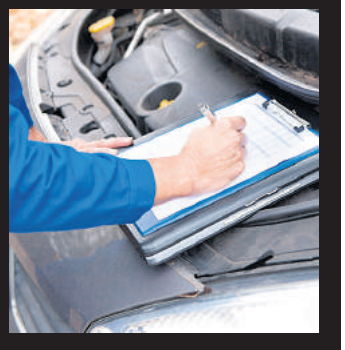

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Students could get TV licence refunds

TV Licensing are encouraging students in Ormskirk who have moved home for the summer to claim their licence refunds.

Since, April 1 this year TV Licensing has changed the way refunds are calculated to make it easier for customers to apply. This means more students will benefit from a refund as they can now claim for any full months left on their licence.

Latest figures from the Higher Education Statistics Agency show that in the 2015/16 period there were 229,485 students in higher education across the North West.

If students bought their licence last October and moved out in May, they could receive a refund worth around £48.50.

In order to qualify, students need to be leaving their halls or rented accommodation and be moving to a licensed address.

Applying is simple and can be done online or over the phone. Students need to have their TV licence details to hand and evidence to show their licence is no longer needed, such as a copy of the end of their tenancy agreement.

Caroline McCourt, spokesperson for TV Licensing, said: "Applying for a refund is quick and easy and we encourage all students who are eligible to take advantage of it. It is important students buy a TV licence at the earliest opportunity when starting university to take advantage of the flexible payment options available to them and avoid a fine of up to £1,000."

A licence is needed for watching and recording live television and watching or downloading BBC programmes on iPlayer. This applies whether using a TV set, laptop, mobile or any other equipment.

To arrange a refund or change address, simply visit: www.tvlicensing.co.uk/studentinfo, or call TV Licensing on 0300 790 6113.

£400 grant boost for Timesavers

A WEST Lancs charity for adults with additional needs has been boosted by a £400 grant.

Timesavers aims to overcome barriers to the employability of people with additional needs by supporting them to gain further skills and experience in all aspects of office work and computers, as well as helping them to improve their communication skills and confidence.

They were awarded the joint grant by the Duchy of Lancaster and the Community Link Foundation based in Southport to continue their work.

Edward McCarthy from Timesavers said: "We wish to thank the Lieutenant of Lancashire, Lord Shuttleworth and the Community Link Foundation for their generous awards.

"We know from feedback that our work is very beneficial and with extra funding we can carry on this good work and work towards new opportunities with our trainees."

● Three individuals from Timesavers, Jon Snead, Grace Finley and Chris Watson were awarded certificates in recognition of their voluntary service at the recent West Lancs Borough Council Volunteer Awards Evening held in Ormskirk.

They were presented with their awards, along with 21 other volunteers, by the Mayor of West Lancs, Councillor Neil Furey.

Golf day raises £2,500 for We Love Manchester Emergency Fund appeal

A CHARITY golf day at Mossock Hall Golf Club raised more than £2,500 for the We Love Manchester Emergency Fund appeal or those injured and affected by the May terror attack.

A total of 51 golfers teed up in the event at the club in Bickerstaffe organised by Bryan Morley and Martin Flynn.

All the competitors wore specially-designed T-shirts sponsored by Fiddlers Lancashire Crisps of Rufford and a raffle was also held with prizes donated by local businesses.

The golf day raised £900 and the raffle £602, while Mike McCombe, landlord of The Hop Vine in Burscough, donated all proceeds from the sale of a keg of beer and also had collection buckets at the pub, together raising £1,100.

Bryan Morley said: "The golf day was brilliant. We had 50 men and one woman taking part, there was a presentation at the golf club and everyone went back to the Hop Vine for a buffet."

Some of the golfers who took part in the charity day at Mossock Hall Golf Club

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Table-top sale in aid of Kenyan-based charity project

MEMBERS of the Ormskirk Christadelphians are holding a table-top sale at their hall in Moorgate on Saturday, July 29 from 10am to 4pm.

The event is being held to help raise funds for various aid projects across the world via the Christadelphian Meal a Day Fund charity.

The charity has been sponsors of Nalondo Special School for Children with Disabilities in Kenya since its foundation nearly 20 years ago.

Projects supported include feeding programmes; the supply of clean water with a borehole; the setting up of a health care team and a health service to meet the children's complex physical needs.

The church (via the fund) sponsors a feeding programme at Luuya Academy in Kenya where they have helped provide a daily breakfast for the pupils as well as buying a rain water storage tank.

The table-top sale will feature bric-a-brac and greetings cards and there will also be refreshments, including some Kenyan cakes called Maandazis. Information on the Meal-a-Day charity and the activities and beliefs of the Christadelphians will also be available.

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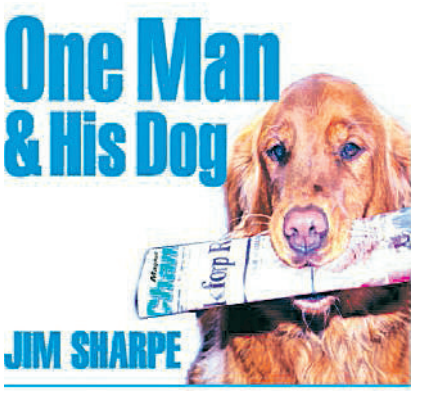

Whatever they call my age I'm old enough to know what's best for me

AS you may have guessed, I am generally no fan of political correctness. And one area where it is currently causing me confusion is age.

These days one is not supposed to write about old people, or even pensioners. I'm not at all sure if senior citizen is in or out at the moment, I think the present 'acceptable' term is older person, though I may be wrong.

What brought this on was not what people call me, it was a visit to a supermarket. I was waiting to buy cigarettes (yes, I know) in a queue in which everyone ahead of me appeared to be in a dilemma over which lottery tickets to buy, so I whiled away the time reading whatever notices were about.

Two of them in particular caught my attention. One referred to youngsters buying ciggies, the other to them buying (or being bought) alcohol. But the cigarette information referred to young people under 16, while the other, of course, mentioned the legal drinking age of 18.

Don't misunderstand me. I do not, and never would, advocate that young people should be allowed to buy tobacco or alcohol. What occurred to me is that these age limits were originally imposed because it was thought that youngsters had not yet had enough experience of life to be able to make a sound judgement of whether to take noxious items such as tobacco or alcohol into their bodies.

Wait a minute though, isn't at least one political party striving to let 16-year-olds have the vote? You know, let these people who are adjudged too young to make a reasoned judgement on whether or not to poison their lungs or livers, are never-the-less quite capable of deciding what government we should have. And yes, I accept the argument that these youngsters are deemed old enough to fight for their country but they are told what to do (and probably think for that matter).

Anyway, returning to us older folk, you may remember some weeks ago I was talking about where I prefer to sit when travelling by bus which I do quite a lot. You know, the (how shall I put it without causing all kinds of grief to descend upon my head?) older and less steady on their pins at the front, the kids historically always at the rear, and 'ordinary' folk, in which I still hope to include myself, somewhere in between.

Our buses are littered with safety notices, including the instruction to remain seated until the bus stops if you want to get off. Oddly, another notice tells us how many standing passengers are allowed, which surely, by that standard, should be none?

What I have increasingly noticed recently is that older folk who may be a trifle unsteady on their pins, sensibly obey the 'keep your seat' advice. But the rest of us, unless encumbered by heavy bags, usually make our way towards the front as the bus approaches the stop - or we used to.

These days though it seems that those at the rear of the vehicle (the younger element) are also waiting not only until the bus has actually stopped, but often a little longer, presumably ending conversations or whatever else they are up to.

In this age of litigation I fully understand why the bus company puts up its notice in the first place. But the simple fact of the matter is that if every passenger waited until the bus was at a standstill before making a move, every timetable would have to be amended and every journey would take considerably longer.

Some rules are obviously made to be broken and I reckon this is one of them. If it is considered safe for me to stand, perhaps for a considerable part of my journey, then why is it too dangerous for me to stand for the final few yards?

I reckon I'm old enough to make a sensible decision about the degree of risk to me that is acceptable. But when I was 16? Not so sure...

Summer of fun in store, say council chiefs

Art, music, motors and festivals on the menu as town aims to draw the crowds

WEST Lancs Council chiefs say residents and visitors to Ormskirk can look forward to a series of great fun events in the town this summer with music, art, delicious gingerbread and fabulous cars all on the menu in the wake of the recent successful Love Your Local Market celebrations in the town.

Councillor Ian Moran, council leader and portfolio holder for economic regeneration, said: "Visitors can find so much to enjoy in Ormskirk so people who haven't visited recently really should come and take a look.

"A range of facilities, including a large number of independent shops and restaurants, are complemented by Ormskirk Market every Thursday and Saturday which goes from strength to strength.

"And with many exciting events also due to take place, Ormskirk really is the place to be this summer."

A must for art lovers is the Lancashire Open Exhibition at the Chapel Gallery.

Running until Wednesday, September 6, the vibrant exhibition, formerly the West Lancashire Open Exhibition, is a superb collection of art by accomplished artists from across the UK and is a highlight in the region's arts calendar.

More than 150 artworks will be on display at the event from a wide range of artistic media.

Meanwhile, food lovers will have their tastebuds tickled at the Moor Street Night Market on Saturday, July 29 from 6.30 to 9.30pm.

Local food and drink establishments will be setting up on the street to serve mouthwatering food, as well as cocktails, craft beers and artisan gin.

Other street food purveyors will also be selling food, and there will be live music and street entertainment. Entry to the market is free and the event is supported by the Ormskirk Town Centre Management Group.

The exciting Ormskirk Gingerbread Festival also comes to town on Saturday, July 29 with a huge range of fun attractions for all the family from 10am to 4pm.

Children can enter the gingerbread competition with prizes donated by local shops and businesses and there will be vintage games for them to play.

The whole family can enjoy music from the Songbirds Community Choir, Ormskirk Ukulele Band, the Burscough Street Disco and the Fairground organ played by Warinus Strode. Circus entertainers, provided by Edge Hill University, will also perform around the town centre.

The festival is organised by Ormskirk Community Partnership (OCP) and supported by the Ormskirk Town Centre Management Group.

Displays

In addition, the community partnership and local historian Gerard Swarbrick will have displays of photographs and maps of Ormskirk from different eras. There will be other heritage materials on show and Ormskirk and District Family History Group will advise people on tracing family history. The heritage theme continues with tours of Ormskirk Parish Church.

Another treat for music lovers will be the Summer Music Festival in Coronation Park with concerts on at the park bandstand every Saturday and Sunday from July 29 to August 26.

Last but not least, on Sunday, August 27 huge crowds are expected to flock to the town again for the Ormskirk MotorFest, organised by Aintree Circuit Club and supported by West Lancs Council.

The annual motoring extravaganza is one of the biggest free family events in the North West and thousands of people are expected to come and admire more than 300 cars and motorcycles from all eras of motoring that will be on display, and enjoy fun activities throughout the day.

For more information visit www.westlancs.gov.uk/motorfest.

The Love Your Local Market event in Ormskirk town centre was a great success. Photo: Ian Robinson

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New champion vows to help county's older folk lead more active lives

LANCASHIRE County Council's new Champion for Older People, County Councillor Joan Burrows has vowed to support residents to lead more active lives.

In her new role she will advise the leader and cabinet members on how the authority can support older people to be fit and healthy, and live independently.

Councillor Burrows, who previously worked for Preston Council for Voluntary Services and Preston Citizens' Advice Bureau, said: "Times are changing - 70 is the new 50 and older people can now expect to live for many years after they retire.

"Older people are wanting to live a much more active lifestyle and get involved with activities such as walking, cycling, learning how to use new technology and studying for different qualifications. I want to do all I can to make sure they have the opportunity to learn and stay active.

"I have experience of working with many community groups from my previous jobs and volunteering, and will work closely with them, the cabinet members and older people in Lancashire, to see if we can make the most of what's on offer.

Lancashire's Older People's Champion, County Councillor Joan Burrows

"We want to continue to address older people's concerns , such as preventing falls and support for people living with conditions like dementia.

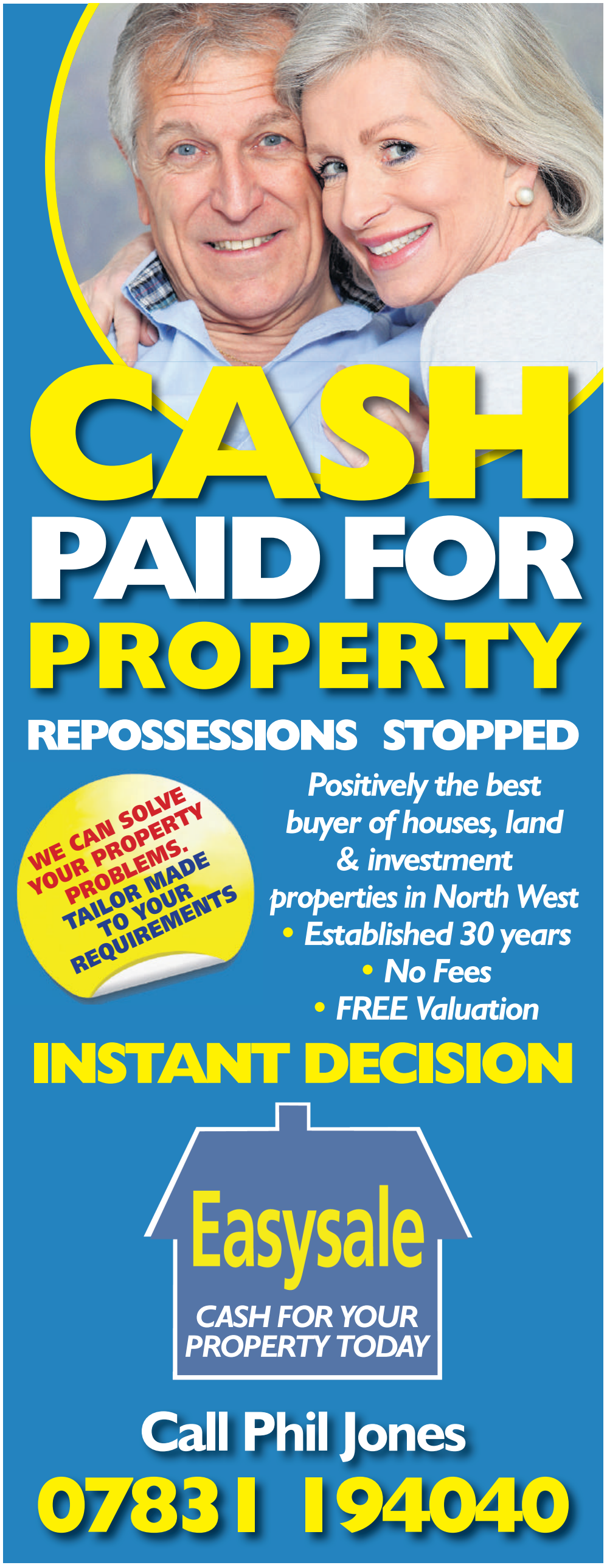
"I also want to focus on what people can do, and ensure people have the support they need to continue to make a positive contribution to life in Lancashire."

Cllr. Burrows has a £10,000 fund for this financial year to support her activities as champion and is inviting groups who want to apply for grant funding to get in contact.

She added: "I will be looking to hand out grants to groups across Lancashire to support them in their work to help older people develop new skills, make a positive contribution and continue to live independently.

"We'll also be hosting events, so that local people and groups can find out about the work that's being done, including an event to mark the International Day of Older Persons in October."

Any groups wanting to apply for a grant can contact Councillor Burrows by emailing joan.burrows@lancashire.gov.uk.



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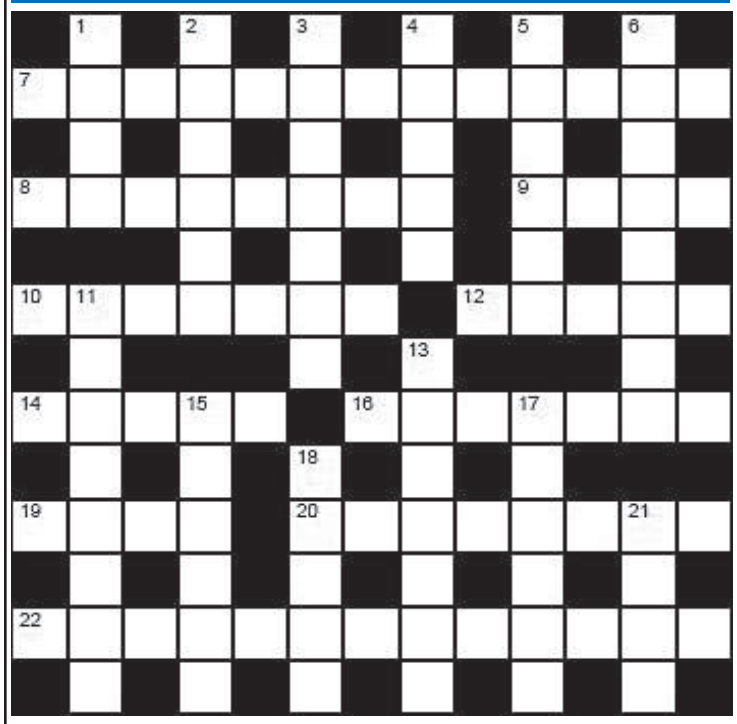

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Across: 7. Silica. 8. Parcel. 9. Slip. 10. Protrude. 11. Savoury. 13. Spite. 15. Boron. 16. Almanac. 18. Clothing. 19. Lair. 21. Exhort. 22. Notice.

Down: 1. Kill. 2. Disproportion. 3. Vampire. 4. Spook. 5. Pre-Raphaelite. 6. Vendetta. 12. Apoplexy. 14. Elegant. 17. Girth. 20. Inch.

ACROSS

7. International relations based on the use of military or economic might to influence the actions and decisions of other governments (5, 8)
8. Of only average quality; not very good (7)
9. System of weights used mainly for precious metals and gems (4)
10. Greyish-fawn colour flecked with brown (7)
12. The part of the human leg between the hip and the knee (5)
14. Visible particles emitted from a burning substance (5)
16. Stiff untanned leather (7)
19. Pieces of grain husk separated from flour after milling (4)
20. Many (8)
22. Subbuteo for instance (5, 8)

DOWN

1. Mechanical or habitual repetition of something to be learned (4)
2. Monotony (6)
3. Exceptional (7)
4. Tree of the Birch family (5)
5. Sudden sharp pain in the side of the body (6)
6. An instance of uncontrollable natural forces in operation (3,2,3)
11. Relating to heraldry or heraldic devices (8)
13. A computer small and light enough to be held in one hand (7)
15. Benevolent (6)
17. As a result of this document or utterance (6)
18. Draw up air audibly through the nose (5)
21. Caribbean citrus fruit, a cross between a tangerine, grapefruit, and orange (4)

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‘Special’ teddy auction to raise funds for memorial to terror attack victims

THE owner of a popular doll and teddy bear ‘hospital’ has created two special bears in memory of two of the victims of the Manchester Arena terror attack.

Jeannie Pritchard, who runs Pritchard’s Doll and Teddy Hospital and café in Liverpool Road North, Burscough, designed the traditional bears to raise funds for a memorial to Georgina Callander 18, and eight-year-old Tarleton Community Primary School pupil, Saffie Rose Roussos.

The bears have pink and yellow pads as they were the girls' favourite colours.

One will go on display at Manchester Museum before being auctioned off for the One Love charity fund, while the other will go on permanent display at Jeannie’s shop.

The special teddy bear

Jeannie said: “I really wanted to do something to help so I redesigned the pattern and style of a Paddington-style bear that I have previously made to make it more personal for the charity.

“The bear is made by hand from premium-quality fabric and the paws are a vintage velvet in Saffie and Georgina’s favourite colours. Saffie loved pink and blue, the colour of the bears' noses, while Georgina loved yellow.

“I am hoping to have it displayed in the Manchester Museum for a short period then either sold to the highest offer or sealed bid at auction.

“There will only be two bears made in this design, this one and a replica for my teddy bears coffee shop with slight alterations to the body.

“This makes the charity bear the only one of its kind for sale. It has featured on BBC Radio 2 so hopefully a collector will buy this fantastic little bear.

“The money raised will go to the One Love fund to add to the funds for an everlasting memorial for those who lost their lives and those who were injured.”

Care home residents enjoy a day down on the farm

CARE home residents enjoyed a day out at the Hope View Sensory Farm in Astley - courtesy of big-hearted members of the Prince’s Trust Ormskirk Team 14.

The trust team used the proceeds of a supermarket bag-packing fundraiser to take residents from the Hillcroft Residential Care Home in Long Lane, Aughton on a day out to the farm.

Megan Campbell, event organiser at the care home, said: “The farm is absolutely fantastic and has been made specially for people who live with dementia, fully catering all of their needs.

“All the residents who went on the trip are living with dementia and they loved feeding the llamas, holding the chicks, nuzzling horses and even did a spot of fishing!

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Care trust urges under-25s to keep their summer loving safe

WITH the summer holidays fast approaching, Lancashire Care's Contraception and Sexual Health Service (CaSH) is encouraging safe sex to help prevent unplanned pregnancies and sexually transmitted infections (STIs).

The service is reminding young people of the importance of looking after their health, including protecting themselves from UV rays, keeping an eye on alcohol intake and practising safe sex.

In 2014, one in 10 young people who took a Chlamydia test in Lancashire tested positive for the infection. Chlamydia often has no signs or symptoms so it is really important that people who have put themselves at risk get tested.

Sue Capstick, CaSH manager at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust, said: "Summer sees a high volume of under- 25s visiting holiday destinations and festivals, and the message from the service is have fun, stay safe and take precautions so you don't bring back any unwanted souvenirs.

"Our aim is to ensure young people are not afraid to talk about and take charge of their own sexual health. We provide a range of confidential services, offering testing and treatment of STIs, contraception and non-judgmental advice and support when needed the most."

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Members of the Holy Trinity congregation on their clear-up day

Churchyard clear-up uncovers grave dating back to 1843

A GROUP of volunteers gave up their weekend to give their local church graveyard a much-needed tidy-up.

During the operation at Holy Trinity Church in Bickerstaffe the very first grave, dating back to 1843, was revealed.

One of the organisers of the event, Edward McCarthy, said: "The current graveyard has been in use since 1844. It is maintained during the year by a combination of a contract gardener and church members.

"It will be full by the end of the year but the new extension at the back of the current graveyard was consecrated early this year.

"Our volunteers cleared a lot of vegetation and trimmed trees and bushes. Lots of leaves, twigs and litter were also removed and the first grave from 1843 was revealed."

Heritage group tribute to fallen

MEMBERS of the West Lancashire Heritage Association are pictured *(above)* at the new Scarisbrick Village Hall War Memorial, dedicated to men of the village who lost their lives in the First World War.

Scarisbrick Parish Council paid £2,500 towards the cost of the memorial and the heritage association made a matching donation to pay for the design/manufacture and erection. The memorial also bears the name of West Lancashire Heritage Association.

Bob Ireland, membership secretary of the WLHA, said: "This is an example of where some of our money is going and we do hope members approve."

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What a couple of sparklers!

Brenda and Marion with Henry

Report by **Henry James**

TWO eagle-eyed housekeepers at Edge Hill University proved a couple of sparklers when they recovered a valuable piece of jewellery from inside a vacuum cleaner during a busy graduation week.

Brenda Wilkinson and Marion Perry ripped open the dust bag of their Henry Hoover after hearing how a parent had lost her engagement ring during a graduation ceremony.

After delving through the dust and dirt they found the large, sparkly, flower-shaped diamond surrounded by smaller diamonds and returned it to the grateful owner.

Brenda, who has worked at the university for eight years, said: "We heard that one of the graduate's parents had been clapping during the ceremony and had watched her diamond setting come flying out of her engagement ring.

"She watched it roll down the seating rows in front but couldn't find it after the ceremony. She was absolutely devastated as she's been married for over 40 years."

Marion, who has also worked alongside Brenda for eight years, added: "We were halfway through vacuuming the hall when we heard what had happened.

"We ripped open the bag and through all the dirt and dust we could see it sparkling. It was beautiful and we spotted it straight away.

Thrilled

"Apparently the woman was thrilled to get it back and was overcome with emotion. I'm just so glad we could help."

The hard-working duo who clean buildings across campus, including accommodation halls, are no strangers to finding treasured possessions.

Marion added: "We tend to find wallets, mobile phones, cameras and keys across campus and return them to their owners but this is the first time we've had a mission to find something so valuable and precious."

Earlier this month the pair received an 'Above and Beyond' student award after being nominated by residents of The Hollies who praised their happy, friendly and conscientious nature.

Students also praised the care and interest they took in their studies and research and how they always offered a shoulder to cry on if needed.

School's helping hand for Sam's charity mission

STUDENT Sam Brocklebank has passed the halfway mark of his fundraising target to finance a sponsored ascent of Mount Kilimanjaro for charity later this simmer, with more than a little help from staff and pupils at an Ormskirk school.

The 21-year-old former Champion distributor is aiming to 'deliver' a copy of the paper to his most unusual location yet when he tackles Africa's highest peak - and plans to celebrate reaching the top by taking a selfie while holding a copy of the Champ!

Sam, a second-year film and media student at Edge Hill University, is planning to climb the 5,895-metre peak in Tanzania - the world's highest free-standing mountain - to raise funds for the charity Dig Deep, which provides fresh water and sanitation for schools in Africa.

The former St Bede's School pupil from Delph Park Avenue, Ormskirk has to raise £2,800 to finance the trip with at least half of that total going to the charity.

He had already raised £600 to date by doing sponsored-bag packs at local supermarkets and holding a 24-hour hangar challenge at a wall-climbing centre.

Now his total has been boosted by £900 after Ormskirk School, where his mum Julie works, held a sponsored mufti and activity day.

Anyone wishing to sponsor Sam can donate at mydonate.bt.com/fundraisers/sambrocklebank1.

Sam Brocklebank with staff and students at Ormskirk School who raised £900 to support his quest to climb Mount Kilimanjaro and raise funds for charity

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Appeal for social media support for hepatitis awareness campaign

HEALTH professionals at Lancashire Care NHS Foundation Trust will aim to raise awareness of the signs and symptoms of hepatitis by participating in a global social media campaign to mark World Hepatitis Day.

The World Health Organization has officially designated Friday, July 28 as World Hepatitis Day. The theme of the campaign against hepatitis this year is 'Elimination' and organisations across the world are being encouraged to use social media to raise awareness about viral hepatitis.

People are being called on to send messages on social media platforms, such as Twitter, containing images of themselves with short personal messages describing what they are doing starting with the words 'I am' along with the #ShowYourFace hashtag.

Helen Newsham, healthcare support worker in the communicable disease services at the trust, said: "The World Health Organization's campaign is focusing on individual human faces to highlight that hepatitis is relevant to everyone, everywhere in the world and that helping to eliminate it is something we can all support.

"Hepatitis can affect anyone and is the cause of thousands of deaths a day worldwide. Knowing the facts saves lives and getting tested is quick and simple so we encourage anyone concerned to contact us on 01257 245414."

The communicable diseases team works with healthcare professionals across West Lancs, Chorley and South Ribble to raise awareness of the disease.

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Bernie Marsden

Whitesnake guitarist set to rock into town for anniversary of band's No. 1 Billboard hit

A MEMBER of a rock band which enjoyed chart success in the 1970s and 80s is set to make a guest appearance at an Ormskirk recording studio.

Bernie Marsden, one of the original members of Whitesnake who wrote a number of the group's biggest hits alongside vocalist, David Coverdale, will be holding a signing and jamming session at the Sound Affects Premier guitar store, recording studio and music school in New Court Way from 10am to 12.30pm on Saturday, August 5.

Formed in 1978, Whitesnake a string of UK top 10 albums including Ready an' Willing, Come an' Get It, Saints & Sinners and Slide It In.

Bernie will also be playing at a concert at the company's sister store, Sound Affects Music in Dunnings Bridge Road, Aintree at 7pm on Friday, August 4.

Andy Wright, manager of the Ormskirk store, said: "We are holding the meet-and-greet and autobiography signing as a celebration of the 30th anniversary of one of Whitesnake's most notable songs, Here I Go Again, reaching No. 1 on the Billboard Hot 100 chart in 1987.

"We will also be unveiling a signature version of Bernie's guitar and as well as the meet-and-greet, we will also be running some jamming sessions in the morning and afternoon for our customers to play alongside him and holding a book-signing of his autobiography."

Civic reception for Prince's Trust team

THE Mayor and Mayoress of West Lancashire, Councillor Neil and Mrs Julie Furey, will host a civic reception in the council chamber at 6pm today (Wednesday, July 26) for members of the Ormskirk Prince's trust team who have just completed their 12-week training course.

Visitors flock to last weekend's Green Fayre at Up Holland's Beacon Country Park

Green Fayre wows the crowds at Beacon Park

THE crowds descended on Beacon Country Park in Up Holland on Saturday and Sunday, July 22 and 23 when the ever-popular Green Fayre reurned to the borough.

The free attraction had a range of attractions on offer to the hundreds of visitors.

The show was centred on working woodlands and craft areas where exhibitors and traders showcased a wide range of traditional crafts and techniques, working natural materials into tools and objects used in everyday life.

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Displays included chainsaw carving, willow weaving, basket making, wheelwrighting, sawmilling, pole-lathe turning and many more.

Meanwhile the shows arena was full of unmissable entertainment. The Cavalry of Heroes, Cheshire Falconry and the Wirral Viking group, known as Wirhalh Skip Felagr, wowed the crowds with displays of jousting, stunt riding, birds of prey and battle re-enactments.

The Retired Greyhound Trust also ran a charity dog show on both afternoons.

As well as the arena displays there were static owl and birds of prey displays, an extensive petting farm and donkey rides, allowing people to get up close and find out more about a variety of different animals.

Visitors could also take a step back in time by walking through the Viking encampment. Here they could experience the sights, smells and sounds of Viking life in the show's authentic tented village and find out more by talking to the villagers.

The folk marquee was also a popular attraction with a range of local acts providing music for people to enjoy.

And there was a wide range of fun activities including a climbing wall, caving unit, archery, air-rifle shooting, bushcraft/survival skills, bouncy castles, trampolines and a small traditional funfair.

LEFT: Always a Green Fayre favourite - Wirral Vikings stage one of their fearsome fights.

BELOW: Up Holland Blacksmith Jake with one of his creations at last weekend's Green Fayre at Beacon Country Park

Beth Crawshaw with some of her wild flower designs and displays at last weekend's Green Fayre

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Being a part of the trust's reader panel is a great opportunity to get involved in improving the Lancashire community, helping others and being involved in an important aspect of the trust's care.

David Keddie, stakeholder engagement manager at the trust, said: "It is extremely important that the content we print is understandable, clear and concise so that our messages are not lost.

"Joining our reader panel provides an invaluable perspective and will ensure that the information we provide to people who use services, their carers and family regarding the services and care we provide will be the best it can be to help aid recovery.

Valuable

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Alan receives his PhD at 72 to prove you're never too old to learn!

Report by **Tom Martin**

A 72-year-old pensioner believes he could be the oldest person to ever graduate with a PhD from Edge Hill University!

Alan Corkish, who worked as a psychologist at Aintree University Hospital before he retired last year, is also a keen writer. His PhD thesis was on 'working class culture, politics and attitudes in British twentieth century novels', which he passed and is due to graduate this summer.

After finding out he will get his PhD, he was told he was the oldest person to ever receive one from the Ormskirk-based university.

Alan, who was born in the Isle of Man but has lived in Bootle for the last 35 years, said: "It seems like only yesterday that I was laying bricks or shovelling coal into the furnace of the SS Ben Maye where I worked as a stoker, but that's understandable as my PhD stems from my working class roots.

Alan with his thesis

"I owe a great deal to Liverpool, it's my adopted city and I never forget that they helped me get my foot on the education ladder. I feel sorry for kids today who struggle to make ends meet when they leave university with huge debts and that's why I support the Labour Party in its promise to do away with crippling university fees.

"I retired quite early following serious health problems and have tried to give something back to this generous and wonderful city by doing voluntary work.

"I worked for six years as an advisor for the Citizens Advice Bureau then I re-trained and did an MSc in psychology in 2011 so that I could work at Fazakerley Hospital, again as a volunteer.

"I worked there for eight years and during that time I was also elected as a governor for a three-year period.

"There is no higher award than a PhD so as I'm used to reading and researching. I write short stories and poetry and I edit books for others. I have several books of poetry and a commentary on bipolar disorder still in print and have edited no less than 300 books for poets worldwide.

"Now I have just passed my PhD at the age of 72 and my department at Edge Hill University say I am the oldest person ever to graduate for the award!"

Society's fair fundraiser

MEMBERS of the Rufford Village Society committee held a summer fair to raise funds.

Chair, Sandra Gregory and members staged the event, featuring an ornaments sale, Pimms, homemade cake and raffle, at the Church Hall, Church Lane, Rufford on Saturday, July 15 in aid of the village Christmas lights and an ongoing project to maintain Rufford railway station.

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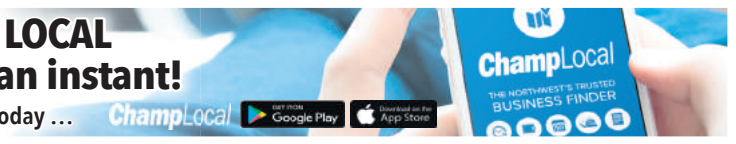

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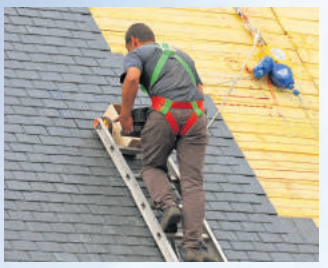

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Martin Mere news

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WWT Martin Mere Wetland Centre has launched a Junior Photography Competition.

The competition is part of Dusty's Wildlife Rangers a summer of fun ranger activities and is aiming to showcase the best wildlife on display at the centre throughout the summer months.

The competition is open for children under the age of 16. As well as being entered to win great prizes, all pictures entered will be on display for everyone to see in our exhibition hall from **23 September to the end of October Half Term.**

To enter the competition, visit the centre over the summer and collect your **FREE** log book. The log book contains all the details how to enter via Flickr group: **"Martin Mere Wildlife Rangers Photography Competition".** All photographic entries must have been taken at WWT Martin Mere from:**21 July 2017 – 3 September 2017.**

Centre Manager, Nick Brooks, said: "This competition is a great way of getting kids to come along to the centre, spend time watching the wildlife and become enthusiastic about wildlife photography. The last competition we did was back in 2015 and this picture is of the winning entry in the junior category. A great photograph and I am really looking forward to seeing the entries that come in and helping to judge them in September."

Closing date for the competition is the 3 September 2017 and the winners will be informed by 15 September.

In addition there are a number of activities to take part in over the summer – play against us in a game of GIANT Wetland Top Trumps; listen to the new white stork talk and feed at 2pm; join a tribe, make a headdress and tracks animals; go pond exploring, canoeing and much more.

Nick continues: "you collect stickers by doing each of the activities and if you collect more than 6 you can receive your Super Wildlife Ranger badge at our daily award ceremony at 3.30pm.

Martin Mere is open every day (except Christmas Day) from 9.30am to 6pm during summer months (and until 4.30pm during the winter) and parking is free of charge. Situated off the A59, it is signposted from the M61, M58 and M6. The Centre is also accessible via the Southport to Manchester and the Liverpool to Preston line by train from Burscough Rail Stations. Visit the web site **www.wwt.org.uk/martinmere** to find out what's on all year round at Martin Mere and the other eight WWT Wetland Centres.

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Bally's life celebrated

TO celebrate the life of Alan Ball - the stage-play Ball of Fire will be showing this summer.

Ex-Everton player and radio Merseyside presenter Ronny Goodlass will be conducting a post-show talk about the life and times of Alan Ball with various Everton legends.

It will be at The Atkinson this Saturday (July 29) and the Epstein Theatre in Liverpool on Friday, August 4.

Alan Ball was a remarkable character who tragically died in April 2007 aged just 61.

If people were not lucky enough to see Ball play; if they never had the chance to hear him deliver an inspirational After Dinner speech; if they think they understand the legend, but instinctively want to know more, then book a seat at the Atkinson. This compelling life story aims to make the hairs on the back of people's neck stand on end.

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Bands lined up for free Summer Music Festival

A VARIETY of bands are all part of the line up for the free Summer Music Festival in Coronation Park, Ormskirk.

Groups playing music ranging from Pop and Merseybeat to Blues and Two Tone will be performing at the bandstand on Saturday afternoons, while local brass bands take centre stage on Sundays. All concerts are free and take place between 2pm and 4pm. Limited seating will be available to enable people to sit down, relax and enjoy the music.

Councillor Yvonne Gagen, West Lancashire Borough Council cabinet member for leisure said: "Listening to live music is a great way to spend a summer afternoon, particularly when you can do it in lovely surroundings like Coronation Park, so come along and enjoy the free concerts."

The Saturday line up of bands is as follows:

- July 29 : Wayne Carrick Band (pop, rock and blues covers band)
- August 5 : Searching (Merseybeat sound from the 60s)
- August 12 : Ukes At The Wharf (local ukulele band)
- August 19 : The Extras (British rhythm and blues)
- August 26 : George's Big Shed (straight from Shedbeat Studios, rock, pop and blues originals from the power trio).

The confirmed Sunday line up is as follows:

Councillor Yvonne Gagen

- July 30 : Flixton Brass Band
- August 6 : Greenalls Band
- August 13 : Skelmersdale Prize Band
- August 20 : Trinity Girls Brass Band

Separate arrangements are being made for musical entertainment for Sunday August 27, the day of the Ormskirk MotorFest. More details will be announced soon.

In the event of inclement weather check with the Park Ranger on 01695 570258 to ensure that the bands are still playing.

Spend a night at the movies with singer

TO celebrate the release of his fifth studio album Saturday Night at the Movies, Joe McElderry (shown left) visits Southport theatre on Thursday, August 3 as part of his nationwide tour, Saturday Night at the Movies Live, with songs from his new album and many more.

Joe will be joined on stage by special guests, The X Factor's Sam Callahan and Any Dream Will Do runners up Keith Jack and Ben James-Ellis, who have all featured in the musical phenomenon of Bill Kenwright's production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor® Dreamcoat.

The South Shields-born singer rose to prominence as winner of the sixth series of The X Factor, in 2009. He was also crowned winner of Popstar to Operastar in 2011, demonstrating his vocal versatility. Joe's performances in the title role of Joseph have been met with five star reviews and standing ovations up and down the country, which led to a new soundtrack recording released in February 2017. He also played the lead role in rock opera The Who's Tommy at Blackpool Opera House in 2015.

Saturday Night At The Movies Live is a chance for him to perform all his favourite songs from stage and screen, including the iconic songs Daydream Believer, Love is All Around and I'm into Something Good, as well as brand new tracks like the hit new single Gloria.

The event starts at 7.30pm. For more information or to book tickets call 0844 871 3021 or visit www.atgtickets.com/southport.

Cinema returns

THE film version of Hairspray is to be shown this Friday (July 28) within the Kings Gardens in Southport.

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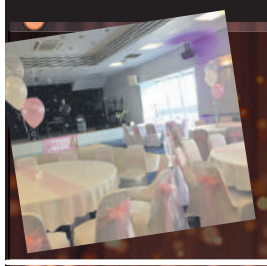

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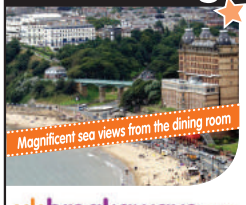

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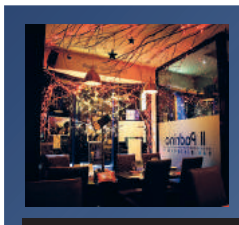

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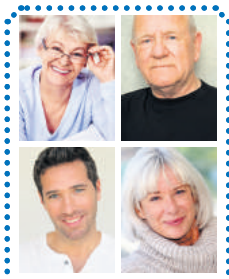

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July 2017

Lots of love from Mum, Dad, Grandma, Eve, Miles, Martha and all of your family and friends xx

ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

ABRAM RONNIE

The family of the late Mr Ronnie Abram wish to express their sincere thanks to all relatives, friends and neighbours, for their very kind thoughts of sympathy, cards and donations for St. Stephen's Church Banks, received in their recent sad loss. Special thanks to all at the Scarisbrick Unit for all their care and support over the years, and the district and palliative care nurses for their every care and attention. Grateful thanks to Cannon Les Thomas and Cannon Philip Green for their kind ministrations.
Also to Michael and Michelle of M. Rushton Funeral Directors for their help and dignified funeral arrangements but also for the exceptional care and kindness shown to us and for being there every time we needed them.

MASON DEREK

Agnes and family would like to thank all relatives, friends and neighbours for their kind messages of sympathy and donations received for The North West Air Ambulance, also to Mandy Phillips for the lovely service. Special thanks to the Doctors and Nurses of ward 14B of Southport Hospital for the wonderful care of Derek and to Skelmersdale Funeral Service for their support and dignified Funeral arrangements.

DEATHS

NEWLAND JANET

Janet passed away peacefully in hospital on Tuesday 18th July aged 73 years and of Ormskirk

Dearly loved Wife of David, loving Mum and Mother-In-Law of Andrew and Jane, Susan and Richard, Richard and Claire, and much loved Grandmother of Thomas, Jack, Stephanie, Katie, Ted, Charlotte, Christopher and Elizabeth. Janet will be sadly missed by all her family and many friends.
Funeral service to be held at Ormskirk Parish Church on Tuesday 1st August at 2pm. Family flowers only please. Donations if desired in Janet's memory will be gratefully received for Clatterbridge Hospital and Queenscourt Hospice. Further enquiries to Newland and Wilkinson Independent Funeral Directors, 311 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton, PR4 6RJ. Tel 01772 811165

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DEATHS

TRAFFORD JOAN

Sadly Passed Away Peacefully at home 19 July 2017

Dearly loved mother of Denise, Elaine (deceased) and Pam. Nana to Lisa, Stephen, Ben, Sam, Adele, Kate and Michael and Little Nana to Sofia, Andreas, Marios, William, Millie, Elouise, Harriet, Dylan, Marley and Sophie.
God saw you getting weary, A cure was not to be, He put his arms around you and whispered "Come to Me".
The family would like to thank Queens Court Hospice, District Nurses and MLS Funeral Directors for their care and support during this very sad time.
Good Night. God Bless Mum.

SPEERS NORMAN LESLIE (LOU)

24th July 2017
Passed away in hospital Aged 93 Years

Lou will be sadly missed by family and friends. Funeral service to take place at West Lancashire Crematorium, Burscough on Thursday 27th July at 1:45pm. Family flowers only please, donations if desired to the British Heart Foundation. Further enquiries to Newland and Wilkinson Independent Funeral Directors, 311 Hesketh Lane, Tarleton, PR4 6RJ. Telephone 01772 811165

HENNESSEY JOSEPH ANTHONY

14th July 2017
Peacefully aged 63 years

Loving and devoted Husband of Deirdre, caring and proud Father of Siobhan, Christopher, Sophie and Sarah, a dear Father in law to Fred and adoring Grandad of Jack. Loved while with us here and for all eternity. All enquiries to Melanie Hardman at H Hardman & Co., Independent Family Funeral Directors of Skelmersdale, Ormskirk & Scarisbrick. Tel:- 01695 722122/720012.

DEATHS

CROWLEY NEIL
13th July 2017
Aged 49 years

If flowers grow in heaven Lord, please pick a bunch for us, place them in our Neil's arms, and tell them they're from us. And when he turns to smile, place a kiss upon his cheek, and hold him for a while, because remembering is easy, we do that every day, but there is an ache in our hearts, that will never go away.
Lyn, Jonny, Kayleigh, Dayne, Matt, Nel, Aliyah and Warren
xxxxxxxx

There is no love like the love for a Brother, there is no love like the love from a Brother, a Brother is a friend, given by nature.
Love you so much
Lyn
xxx

CROWLEY NEIL ANTHONY

There is always a face before us,
A voice we would love to hear,
A smile we will always remember,
of a Brother we loved so dear,
Deep in our hearts lies a picture,
More precious than silver or gold
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Whose memory will never grow old.

With Love from Colin, Johanna, Max and Faye
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DEATHS

CROWLEY NEIL
13th July 2017

We could write a thousand words,but they would never be enough to express our love.
We will never understand why you had to be taken frm us Neil.
You had a heart of Gold and we love you very much.
We will treasure our memories of you and carry them in our hearts.

Goodnight,Godbless sweetheart.

Sleep tight.

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OWEN GRACE AGNES
Passed away suddenly on 20th July 2017
aged 89 years
of Aughton

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IN MEMORIAM

RIDING HELEN
In Memoriam
25th July 2013

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Although you're lost from sight you'll never be lost from our hearts.
Love and miss you always mum.
Love Jeff xxxx

A big piece of all of us left on that day.
Now our lives are just not the same.
We miss our Mum, Nana and friend.
Losing you is something we cannot mend.
In loving memory of my mum. I hope you're enjoying watching us all for many years to come.
Love from Robby, Amy, Joe and Eva
xxxx

RIDING HELEN
In Memoriam
25th July 2013

Four years have passed since you left us all.

We miss your smile.
We miss your laughter.
Most of all we miss you.

Good night, God bless Helen.

Love Robby xxxx

IN MEMORIAM

RIGBY JAMIE
27th July 2004
To our Forever Friend Jamie

Time slips by, life goes on, from our hearts, you're never gone.
We love and miss you and always will.
God Bless.
Your Forever Friends
Joan, Jimmy, Jay & Jo xxxx

RIGBY JAMIE (Our Jay)
27/07/2004

13 years today, you were taken away.
So many things, we didn't say.
A beautiful memory, dearer than gold, of a Son and Brother, who's worth can't be told.

We can see his face, when we close our eyes, his laughter echos, but our hearts cry, on the verge of a man, but only a boy, this tragedy happened, that has stolen our joy. We look to the heavens, asking God as we pray, how do we continue, without him (Our Jay)

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Copies of the Order may be obtained, free of charge, from the Secretary of State, National Transport Casework Team, Tyneside House, Skinnerburn Road, Newcastle Business Park, Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 7AR or nationalcasework@dft.gsi.gov.uk (quoting NATTRAN/NW/S247/2883) and may be inspected during normal opening hours at West Lancashire Borough Council (Property Services), 61 Westgate, Skelmersdale WN8 8LP.

Any person aggrieved by or desiring to question the validity of or any provision within the Order, on the grounds that it is not within the powers of the above Act or that any requirement or regulation made has not been complied with, may, within 6 weeks of 26 September 2017 apply to the High Court for the suspension or quashing of the Order or of any provision included.

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NOTICE OF APPLICATION FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015
NOTICE UNDER ARTICLE 15 PUBLICATION FOR APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION
PLANNING APPLICATION NO - LCC/2017/0060
PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT - RETROSPECTIVE APPLICATION FOR THE PROVISION OF A CONCRETE PANEL RETAINING STRUCTURE TO THE EARTH BUND ALONG THE NORTHERN BOUNDARY, THE ERECTION OF AN ENCLOSURE TO HOUSE A 300KW BIOMASS BOILER WITH A 5.8M HIGH EXHAUST STACK AND THE PROVISION OF AN ASSOCIATED FUEL SILO AND ASH BIN AT TOWER HOUSE, STOPGATE LANE, SIMONSWOOD

I give notice that Simonswood Properties Ltd is applying to the Lancashire County Council for the above development.

Members of the public may inspect copies of the application, plans and documents at Lancashire County Council, Development Management Group, County Hall, PO Box 100, Preston, PR1 0LD or at the Planning Department, West Lancashire Borough Council, Council Offices, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, during normal office hours until 16 August 2017.The application can also be viewed on the County Council's website **planningregister.lancashire.gov.uk**

Anyone who wishes to make representations about this application should write to the County Council by 16 August 2017 at the above address, via email DevCon@lancashire.gov.uk or via 'Have your Say' on the County Council's website.

Information regarding the decision will be available on the website within 5 working days of the decision. Details on how to speak at the Development Control Committee are also available on the web page

Andy Mullaney, Head of Service for Planning and Environment
On Behalf of Lancashire County Council
Date: 26 July 2017

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Planning (Listed Buildings & Conservation Areas) Act 1990 Town and Country Planning (Development Management Procedure) (England) Order 2015 - Article 15

APPLICATION(S) AFFECTING A CONSERVATION AREA / LISTED BUILDING

Application No: 2017/0706/FUL Change of use from A1 (shops) to A4 (drinking establishment). Alterations to the front elevation to include bi-folding doors and timber cladding. Outside seating area and associated works to the rear at Alpine Club Lodge, 17 - 21 Railway Road, Ormskirk.
Application No: 2017/0709/FUL Single storey rear extension. First floor extension to the front, side, and rear. Proposed front dormer and alterations to existing dormer windows. Removal of chimney. Internal alterations at 27 Granville Park, Aughton.
Application No: 2017/0715/FUL Construction of a detached timber garden building and the erection of tree house and associated play equipment constructed adjacent to existing trees at 44 Granville Park, Aughton.
Application No: 2017/0743/FUL First floor extension to the property comprising raising the eaves at 27 Lindley Drive, Parbold.
The applications are available for viewing on the Council's website www.westlancs.gov.uk/planning. Alternatively, the application can be viewed during normal office hours at 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk and at 1st Floor, The Concourse, Skelmersdale. If you wish to comment on the proposal you can do so via the Council's web site, by e.mail to plan.apps@westlancs.gov.uk or in writing to Development and Regeneration Services, 52 Derby Street, Ormskirk, but these must be received within 21 days of the date of this notice quoting the application no. Any comments made will be available for public inspection.
Applications for Minor Commercial and Householder Development
In the event that an appeal is made against a decision of the Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the proposed development, and that appeal then proceeds by way of the expedited procedure under the written representations procedure, any representations made to the Council about an application will be passed to the Secretary of State and there will be no opportunity to make further representations.

John R Harrison DipEnvP., MRTPI — Dated: 26th July 2017
Director of Development and Regeneration — PDNOT958

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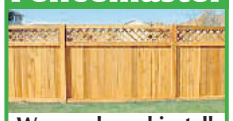

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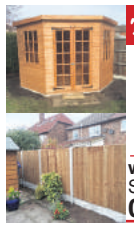

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It feels like Southport's population has halved since The Open contest

The new Mercedes X-Class could be the wheels of choice for the next Open

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IT FEELS like the population of Southport's halved over the last few days. Apparently all the people who've just vacated the resort were here for something called 'the golf' – and I don't mean the Volkswagen hatchback, either.

The one thing that did strike me during the North West's moment in the international sporting spotlight was that virtually everyone seemed to travel to the Royal Birkdale in either a series of commandeered Stagecoach double-deckers, or in a black Mercedes.

It felt like every other car was a black E-Class with tinted rear windows.The Benz blokes have obviously thrown a lot at The Open, which is why it surprised me enormously that it didn't bring along its latest model. It claims the X-Class is the first pick-up truck from a premium manufacturer, but that's not entirely the case.Firstly, the posh pick-up from a luxury carmaker isn't a new idea, because both Cadillac and Lincoln have already tried it (albeit with virtually no success, which is why they never sold them over here). Secondly, the trimmings might be Mercedes' finest but the bones most definitely aren't; the X-Class is essentially a Nissan Navara.

So I suspect all the building site operatives who actually buy pick-ups are probably going to stick with the cheaper Japanese original.

So who's going to buy the X-Class?Originally I'd suspected it'd be perfect for anyone who appears in or produces hip hop videos, but I can't imagine there are too many of those in Formby or Parbold (Straight Outta Crosby does have a nice ring to it, though). Nor is it going to appeal to the sort of managing director types who normally go for big, German offroaders, because the ML-Class already does it without relying on pick-up truck underpinnings.But – and this is why I think Mercedes missed a trick at The Open – it has plenty of potential as a golfer's chariot of choice. It has a sufficiently posh badge to mix it with the Jaguars and BMWs in the club car park, more than enough room inside to take four of your chums out for a quick round, and with it being a pick-up there's plenty of room out back for all the sets of clubs you'll ever need. Pack carefully and you could even bring your own golf buggy with you!

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Volvo aims for a more upmarket section via small new off-roaders

VOLVO is preparing an assault on the more upmarket end of the market for small off-roaders – currently dominated by the likes of Audi's Q3 and BMW's X1.

The XC40 will slot beneath the larger XC60 and XC90 models, and is described by its maker as being more distinctive and fashion-conscious than the competition.

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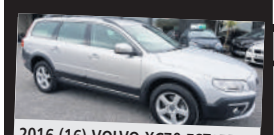
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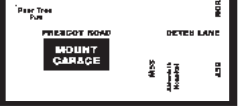

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Rain halts Burscough game as Skelmersdale hold out for draw

BURSCOUGH'S home match against Newton le Willows fell victim to the weather.

The hosts chose bat and thanks to Jon Stone (72), Chris Andrews (54) and Navdeep Aujla (53) were able to declare after 52 overs on 262-7, with Kieran Humphreys taking 3-73.

In reply, Newton had reached 105-3 when rain prevented any further play.

Skelmersdale just managed to hang on for a draw against Orrell Red Triangle.

Orrell scored 228-8 declared in 51.4 overs after opener Matthew Morgan top scored with 64.

Skelmersdale scored 135-9 in 47 overs in reply, Ben Maddocks top scored with 28 while Matthew Wright scored an unbeaten 22.

Fleetwood Hesketh were narrowly beaten by 18 runs at First Division leaders Highfield.

The hosts chose to bat and thanks to skipper James Taylor (72) and fellow opener Mike Gaskell were able to declare their innings after 51.4 overs on 221-7. Tommy Wareing 4-65 and Jack Wrigglesworth 3-61 taking the wickets.

In reply, Wrigglesworth (76) and Neil Rimmer (72) gave Fleetwood hope but nobody else apart from Wareing (21) was able to stick around as they were dismissed for 203, with Madduma Lakmal 6-55 and Sam Rotherham 3-44 the main destroyers with the ball.

Hightown St Mary's are now 72 points adrift at the foot of the table after a 92 home defeat by Wigan.

In the Second Division third placed Maghull had their home match against leaders Liverpool washed out by the rain.

The visitors asked to bat and dismissed for 150 with Cam Lawrenson claiming 6-34, whilst Tushar Mahambrey top scored with 44. The hosts were then 38-3 with skipper Paul Walters unbeaten on 25* when rain prevented anymore play.

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Ormskirk extend lead at top after crushing win over Ainsdale

AFTER a rain affected fixture programme Ormskirk managed to increase their lead at the top of the Liverpool & District Cricket Competition Premier Division to 73 points after a 208 run home win over relegation threatened Ainsdale, *writes Glenn Wallworth*.

The hosts were asked to bat and rattled up 249-5 declared in 46 overs, thanks in no small part to 90 from opener Michael Jones, 46 from fellow opener Andy Baybutt, 42 from Lancashire's Josh Bohannon and 40 from keeper Gary Knight.

In reply, no Ainsdale player reached double figures as they were demolished for just 42, with Bohannon taking 4-5 and Lancashire spinner Simon Kerrigan 3-0.

Southport & Birkdale went so close to recording their first win of the campaign, but eventually lost by a single wicket at New Brighton.

After electing to bat S&B were dismissed for 150, with Chris Brownlow (54), opener Charlie Byrne (29) and skipper Chris Firth scoring the bulk of the runs, whilst David While took 6-40 and Ashraf Nawab 3-41 with the ball.

In reply, it was left to last pair Louis C Botes (29*) and Jaxom Rose (9*) to take the hosts to victory from 141-9 to 151-9, leaving Firth 3-53, Brownlow 3-24 and team mates wondering if any luck is going to fall their way before the end of the season.

Formby climbed further clear of the relegation zone after a 45 run win at Leigh.

The visitors chose to bat and thanks to Sam Oldham (69), skipper Ian Cockbain (34) and Lancashire's Haseeb Hameed (29) declared on 190-6, with Hedley Molyneux taking 3-44.

In reply, the experienced pairing of Gary Keedy 5-31 and Ajmal Shahzad 3-77 helped dismiss the hosts for 145, with Matty McKiernan top scoring with 40.

Bootle's home match against second placed Northern was washed out by the rain, the visitors posted 179-9 declared up on the board, with Stephen Lucas top scoring with 54, whilst Chris Liptrot weighed in with 4-55 with the ball.

The hosts had then reached 38-0 when the heavens opened and play was abandoned for the day.

Teams face away trips as Linnets defend state of pitch after games cancelled

Report by **Neil Leatherbarrow**

BOTH Skelmersdale United and Burscough have their pre-season schedules back on track after a couple of hastily postponed matches.

Both teams are away on Saturday, July 29, with Skem at Runcorn Linnets at 3pm and Burscough at St Helens Town at 12.30pm.

Then on Tuesday, August 1 it is a pair of 7.45 kick offs. At home, Skelmersdale United play Bootle and Burscough entertain Vauxhall Motors.

Burscough recently had two games cancelled by opponents, Southport and Everton, after it was said that their Victoria Park pitch was unfit.

However, Burscough FC chiefs say this was not the case.

A spokesman said: "The clubs based their decisions on evidence that was drawn from a spurious Twitter account which was clearly not correct.

"We employed a local company to mow our pitch and they were assisted by a club official. The Twitter account showed just the club official with a small mower, ignoring the contractor with a commercial mower and roller."

The Champion also spoke to Malcolm Crosby, a volunteer who works on the Victoria Park ground.

He said: "The pitch was playable and the games could have gone ahead."

Skelmersdale saw their game at Enfield Town called off on Saturday, due to player shortages.

A Skelmersdale FC source told the Champion: "Manager Alan Rogers is still assembling his squad and has 16 players registered.

"He knew three players couldn't make the trip to North London because of the very early morning start and Saturday morning work commitments, but when he then got three players injured at Barnoldswick in midweek, it pus in an impossible situation."

Groundsman Malcolm Crosby at Burscough's ground

Skelmersdale's games this week are both interesting ones, as Runcorn Linnets and Bootle will have former Skem players in their ranks, and both teams are expected to be challenging for promotion from the North-West Counties League next season.

Burscough's season starts a week earlier than Skelmersdale's, with an FA Cup tie away to AFC Emley whose Welfare Ground is one many Southport supporters will remember fondly as it is the place where they won promotion to the Conference Premier in 1992.

The game is actually set for Sunday, August 6 with a 3pm kick off and a replay if necessary the following midweek.

Skelmersdale's season starts a week later Saturday, August 12 at Brighouse Town followed by a home match against Trafford on Tuesday, August 15.

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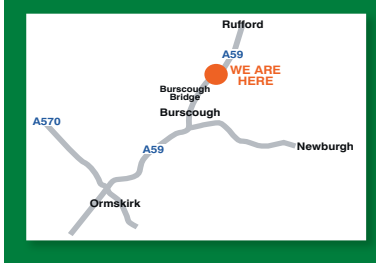

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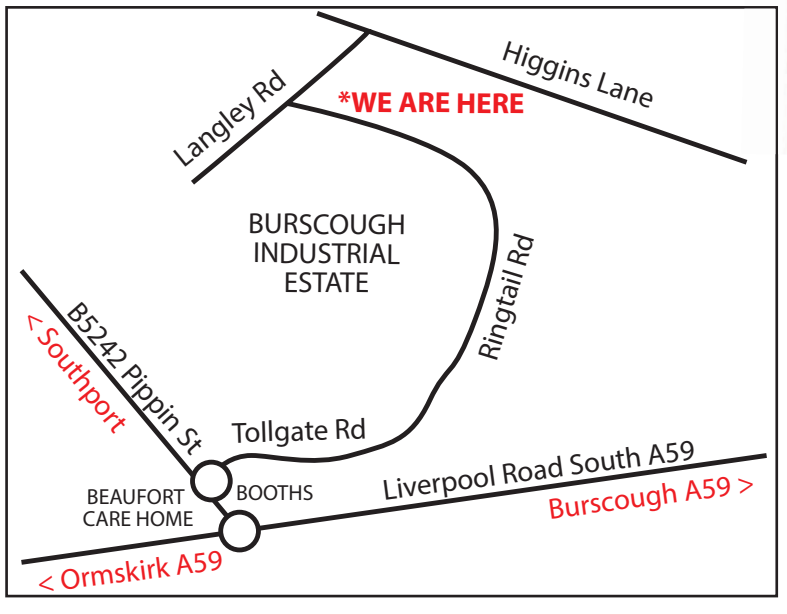

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